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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Vahid Saadat
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For:	:	MULTI-BARBED DEVICE FOR RETAINING TISSUE IN APPOSITION AND METHODS OF USE
Examiner	:	Ismael Izaguirre
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# Preliminary Amendment

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims prior to initial continuing examination of the above-identified application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 23.

Please amend claims 18, 19, 22, 35-37 and 41-43, as follows: